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U.S. AID TO YEMEN

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(EXCERPTS) BAGHDAD--THE YEMENI ARAB REPUBLIC EMBASSY IN BAGHDAD HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT COMMENTING ON THE U.S. DECISION TO HALT ITS AID TO YEMEN. THE STATEMENT SAYS: "THIS AID WAS SPENT ON SALARIES OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND U.S. SECRET AGENTS."

THE STATEMENT ADDS THAT "THE U.S. MILITARY ATTACHE'S AIRPLANE WAS NOT ONLY USED FOR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN YEMEN, BUT ALSO TO BRING IN AND DISTRIBUTE CONTRABAND." THE STATEMENT ACCUSES AID OF BEING BEHIND ALL INTERNAL PLOTS AGAINST THE YEMENI REVOLUTION AND THE APPEARANCE OF A REACTIONARY-IMPERIALIST AXIS WITH THE GOAL OF DESTROYING THE REVOLUTION AND OF FINANCING THE KHAMIR CONFERENCE HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH 1965.

IT SAYS THE U.S. EMPLOYEES IN TAIZ, THE TWIN CAPITAL OF YEMEN, HAD BEEN BEHAVING AS IF IT WERE AN AMERICAN COLONY.

THE EMBASSY WILL ISSUE A DETAILED STATEMENT EXPOSING ALL U.S. ACTIVITIES IN YEMEN SHOULD U.S.-YEMENI RELATIONS DETERIORATE FURTHER, THE STATEMENT CONCLUDES.

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